

Washington, DC - Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA) issued the following statement after an agreement reached today between the former Bush Administration and House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers, Jr., in which Karl Rove and former White House Counsel Harriet Miers will testify on matters related to the dismissal and retention of U.S. Attorneys.

“It’s about time that Karl Rove understands that he is not above the law and must obey a subpoena just like any other American is required to do,” said Rep. Linda Sánchez. “Months ago, the subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law faced an empty chair instead of Mr. Rove, and we have been waiting ever since to question him about his role in the firing of U.S. Attorneys under the Bush Administration.”

Rep. Sánchez’ role as a leader in the investigation of the politicization of the Department of Justice was highlighted in 2008 when, as Chair of the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law (CAL), she ruled to invalidate President Bush’s claims of immunity and executive privilege. Since then, Rep. Sanchez has publicly recommended many times that Karl Rove be held in contempt of Congress after failing to abide by a congressional subpoena and appear in front of the Committee.

Rove and Miers will testify before the House Judiciary Committee in transcribed depositions under penalty of perjury, and the Committee reserves the right to have public testimony from Rove and Miers.